



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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November 30, 2015

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

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CONTRACT AIRCRAFT – RELEASE OF TWO SUPERSCOOPERS

This memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board of the Fire District's (District) intent to release two of the four CL-415 SuperScoopers from the Government of Quebec with November 30, 2015 as the last operational day. Two remaining CL-415's will remain on contract until December 15, 2015. The Erickson Air Crane will meet its 120-day initial commitment on December 9, 2015.

Typically, the contract aircraft are released after significant rainfall is received and a subsequent increase in live fuel moisture is recorded. We have received sporadic rains throughout the County, including significant rains with severe flooding in the northern portion of the County in October. Despite these rains, the live fuel conditions remain at critical levels, which do not yet support release of the remaining contract air resources. Temperatures have moderated and forecasts have been provided supporting diminishing fire danger and additional precipitation in the early part of December.

The District will continue to evaluate weather patterns, precipitation and the impact on live fuel moistures. We will provide an update to your Board by December 15, 2015, or sooner, if weather conditions support an earlier release of these resources.

In the event environmental conditions necessitate extending the contract for these aircraft beyond December 15, 2015, the District will submit a Board letter to address the need to increase the Board-approved spending authority.

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